National Highways passing through Rajasthan, widening beyond single lane has been taken up so far on five National Highways, namely National Highways 3, 8, 11, 12 and 15.

(b) National Highway 8 from Delhi to Jaipur (261 Km) is already having 2 lane carriageway apart from 18.72 Kms where it is widened to 4 lanes or more. Further, widening from 2 to 4 lanes is in progress in a length of 23.10 kms. Out of the balance length (219.18 kms), Annual Plan 1990-91 provides for sanction of widening to 4 lanes in 107.50 kms. Widening of National Highways to 4 lanes is undertaken keeping in view the traffic intensity, availability of resources and *inter se* priorities. No indication about the widening of remaining length can be given as 8th Plan is yet to be finalised.

(c) Does not arise.

**Allotment of newsprint to Uttar Pradesh for Literacy Programme**

1598. KUMARI ALIA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh and public representatives from the State have approached the Central Government to allot newsprint for printing of books connected with the scheme to attain cent per cent literacy in the State ;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government thereon;

(c) the details of assistance given/proposed to be given to Uttar Pradesh to attain the desired literacy; and

(d) by when the scheme is expected to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS ( SHRI P. UPENDRA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

**Freedom Fighters Pension Cases recommended by Uttar Pradesh Government**

1599. KUMARI ALIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the details and number of Freedom Fighters pension cases recommended by the Government of Uttar Pradesh and pending with Central Government, District-wise;

(b) the details of reasons for delay in finalisation of such cases; and

(c) the steps contemplated to finalise these cases ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY) : (a) All applications for grant of Swatantrata Sainik Saman Pension received from the Government of Uttar Pradesh upto 31-3-1982 *i.e.* the last date prescribed for receipt of such applications have been disposed of. Out of the recommendations received from the Government of Uttar Pradesh after 31-3-82 only 12 cases are awaiting finalisation. District-wise information is as under :—

| District | No. of cases |
|---|---|
| Meerut | 1 |
| Etawah | 2 |
| Ballia | 1 |
| Deoria | 1 |
| Gazipur | 2 |
| Jhansi | 1 |
| Nainital | 2 |
| Bareilly | 1 |
| Bahraich | 1 |
| TOTAL | 12 |

(b) and (c) These cases could not be finalised due to various resons, such as non-receipt of clarification documents called for from the applicant, State Government, Jail authorities, etc. All efforts are being made to finalise these cases expeditiously.

**पाकिस्तान में गुरुद्वारे की जमीन खतरे में**

1600. **श्री राम जेठमलानी :**
**डा० जिनेन्द्र कुमार जैन :**

क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 6 मई, 1990 के "टाइम्स आफ इंडिया" में "पाक गुरुद्वारा लैंड इन जियोपारडी" शीर्षक के अन्तर्गत प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने इस गुरुद्वारे की जमीन के बारे में तथ्यों की जानकारी प्राप्त की है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और क्या सरकार ने अल्पसंख्यकों की भावनाओं को ध्यान में रखते हुये इस संबंध में पाकिस्तान सरकार से बातचीत की है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो यह बातचीत कब की गई और इससे प्राप्त परिणामों का विस्तृत ब्यौरा क्या है ?

विदेश मंत्री (श्री इन्द्र कुमार गुजराल): (क) जी हां ।

(ख) से (घ) भारत सरकार ने और सिख जत्थों के नेताओं ने पाकिस्तान सरकार का ध्यान पाकिस्तान में गुरुद्वारों के कथित गैर-कानूनी कब्जों और उनके समक्ष आ रही अन्य समस्याओं की ओर आकर्षित किया है ।

श 14 सितम्बर, 1974 को दोनों "ों के विदेश सचिवों के बीच संपन्न धर्म-स्थानों की यात्राओं से संबंद्ध प्रोटोकोल" में दोनों पक्षों में इस बात पर सहमति हुई थी कि "इस बात का सुनिश्चय करने के लिये बराबर हर मुमकिन कोशिश की जानी चाहिये कि सहमत सूची में जिन धर्म-स्थानों का उल्लेख है, उनका समुचित रख-रखाव हो और उनकी पवित्रता की रक्षा की जाये । इस प्रकार का रख-रखाव और अनुरक्षण अनिवार्यत: संबद्ध देश का दायित्व है । तीर्थ यात्रियों ने और अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय पर्यवेक्षकों ने पाकिस्तान में गैर-मुस्लिम धर्म-स्थानों का रख रखाव ठीक न किये जाने के बारे में कुछ शिकायतें की हैं । पाकिस्तान की सरकार को इन शिकायतों की जानकारी है ।

**Change in the selection of T.V. Programmes**

1601. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether any change has been incorporated in the selection of T.V. programmes so that national telent may get its due share; and

(b) if so, what specific steps Government are taking to reduce the dependence on professional artistes ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA) : (a) and (b) It is the constant endeavour of Doordarshan to tap talent all over the country and accordingly such talent is featured in National Programmes, especially in Music and Dance and works of fiction. Outside producers from various parts of the country also produce programmes for Doordarshan. This also affords an opportunity for the involvement of the amateur talent available locally in the area.